

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday December 23rd 2001

Change of Website addresses

Due to circumstances beyond the webmasters control the web site address for the East Cork Radio Group, EI7M has had to be changed. The new address is 4c.ucc.ie/~cjgebruers/ei7m.htm

The web site address for the EI0TEN beacon has also had to be changed. The new address is 4c.ucc.ie/~cjgebruers/ei0ten.htm

Service will resume from the new addresses as soon as possible. Please note that unfortunately there is no automatic re-direction from the old address.

IRTS Website

E-mail addresses for the contacts in the Irish Radio Transmitters Society will from now on change on a regular basis. The purpose of this is to eliminate the huge amount of junk mail received by the society. Up to date addresses can be found on the society's home page at www.irts.ie

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network Dinner was held on Saturday the 15th of December last in the Belmont Hotel. A very enjoyable night was had by all.

The club has a new venue for club meetings, the upstairs room of Stensons pub in Ballyvary village. Meetings are held at 9 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd January 2002.

The Mayo Rally will be held on Sunday March the 3rd 2002 in the Belmont Hotel, Knock. The IRTS AGM will be in the afternoon at the same venue, and the dinner dance will be on the Saturday evening. Details from Padraic EI9JA. E-mail rally@mayoren.net, or from the club web site at www.mayoren.net

South Dublin Radio Club Celebrates 21st Birthday

SDR is 21 years old this year. This achievement was marked at the club's recent Christmas Party. Three of the founder members - Derek EI7FM, Stuart EI8EN and Alan EI7EH - were at the party and presented the current chairman, Jim EI4HH, with a plaque listing the founder members. For the record, the list of the radio experimenters who came together in 1980 to set up South Dublin Radio Club are believed to be as follows: Liam Wynne EI2FL, Peter Harris EI3FC, Nigel Lyon-Bowie EI5EK, Ben Rodriguez EI5BYB, Tony Baker EI6EW, Niall Syms EI6FB, Roy Cookman EI7H, Alan Shattock EI7EH, Brian Cusack EI7FB, Derek Peyton EI7FM, Stuart, Kinnear EI8EN and Ben Croly EI8EQ.

If anyone has been left off this list, or if anyone has additional information about the formation of the club, SDR members would be interested in hearing about it. Contact any club member or Joe EI7GY at 01-285 4250.

Kohei Nishiyama returns to Japan

Kohei EI8JC, a very popular member of South Dublin Radio Club, has returned to Japan following a stint working for his Japanese employer in the Dublin area. Kohei was a regular attender at SDR meetings, and was generally accompanied at club meetings by junior op Momoka, aged 5, who used the opportunity to improve her English and help the SDR members to work on their Japanese. Kohei, who has the call JR0BAQ, is an expert CW operator, and operated on CW and phone with the EJ4GK crew on Aran Mór during the IOTA contest in July. Both Kohei and XYL Michiko, who had the call sign EI8FOB, participated in the Autumn Counties Contest. A few months ago, Kohei joined other club members at the JOTA outing in Wicklow, and helped to introduce the Scouts present to the joys of amateur radio.

On his final club night, Kohei was presented with a Waterford Glass bowl by the SDR members, to mark their appreciation for his attendance and participation in club events.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The IRTS Radio News bulletin on 2 metres and 70 cm is now broadcast at 8:30 p.m. local time. Transmission frequencies are 433.450 MHz and 145.450 MHz. Also the monthly meetings of TARG will be held on the first Thursday of every month.

Autumn Challenge Winners

The South Dublin Radio Club Autumn Challenge is a challenge that runs during the month of November, with rules similar to the well known Spring Challenge, with the exception that the Autumn Challenge is confined to SDR club members. This year, the winner of the open section was Peter Henshaw EI5JE, while the winner of the restricted section (for CW only) was Kohei Nishiyama. The awards were presented to Peter and Kohei at the SDR Christmas Party.

DX News

World traveller Peter Casier, ON6TT (5X1T), is in Afghanistan and has obtained permission to operate there. Since November the 21st he was QRV as YA/ON6TT/M. The foreign ministry of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (Northern Alliance) issued the call YA5T, which can be used on all bands by Peter, ON6TT, Matts, SM7PKK, and Robert, S53R.

Seasons Greetings from the IRTS

The President and committee of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society would like to thank all those who have contributed to the running of the society throughout the past year. A Happy Christmas to all radio amateurs and short wave listeners.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net or cyberis@e-merge.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026.

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